

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of amended and remaining claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the claims, as now presented, are allowable over each of the references of record in the parent application. In particular, applicant asserts that the Yamamoto reference cited by the Examiner does not disclose or suggest any method or apparatus that includes "identifying a plurality of different information services from different information service providers to be provided to at least one of the plurality of user devices during the multimedia conference" and "monitoring the at least one of the plurality of user devices for a change in selection of information services to be provided from a first one of the plurality of different information services to a second one of the plurality of different information services", as defined by amended independent claim 1. Independent apparatus claim 10 contains similar language.

In a previous rejection, the Examiner cited Yamamoto at column 7, lines 9-13 as teaching "monitoring the users for a change in selection of services". Applicant cannot agree with this characterization of Yamamoto. Indeed, the cited portion of Yamamoto discloses the use of "transmit" button on a user's screen to "retransmit the whiteboard text or material image" associated with a multimedia conference. There is no discussion or suggestion in Yamamoto of changing from the provision of a "first information service" to a "second information service" in response to a request from a conference participant.

Based on this distinction, applicant believes that all remaining claims, as amended, are allowable over all cited art of record. Applicant thus respectfully requests the Examiner to allow this Continuation application to pass to issue. If for some reason or other the Examiner does not agree that the case is ready to issue and that an interview or telephone conversation would further the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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